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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WEUTHEN ET AL.

Examiner

Necholus Ogden

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3-8-04.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Response to Amendment

1. Claims 11-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over DE (3228479).

DE '479 disclose a detergent composition comprising a non-enzymatic protein such as 5-30% casein; zeolite; 5-15% alkali silicates; cellulose derivatives; 15-25% alkyl benzene sulfonates; and other auxiliary agents (see abstract).

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 9-19-02 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that DE '479 does not disclose a disintegrating agent.

The examiner contends and respectfully disagrees and points applicant to the abstract of DE '479, wherein said abstract specifically states the use of cellulose derivatives at line 3. Applicant's specification specifically states cellulose derivatives as disintegrating agents (see page 11, lines 8-9).

DE3228479 A Compos. contains pref. 5-30 (7-15) wt.% casein, w.r.t. dry solids in compn., to replace polyphosphate, esp. tripolyphosphate, at least partly. The compn. also contains a phosphate-free water-softener, esp. a zeolite. A pref. detergent compn. contains, by wt., 15-30 (15-25)% alkylbenzene sulphonate, 20-35% Na percarbonate and/or Na perborate, 5-15% alkali silicate and 5-30% casein, opt. standard amts. of cellulose derivs., optical brighteners, fatty alcohol oxyethylates, Na2SO4 and further washing auxiliaries, and at least one water-softener, esp. of zeolite type. Compos. are used partic. in washing machines, for commercial laundries and hospitals as well as domestic machines, and also in washing textiles before dyeing. (000)

Therefore, the claims are taught and suggested by the prior art of record.

Accordingly, the rejections remain for reasons disclosed herein.

Conclusion

3. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Necholus Ogden whose telephone number is 571-272-1322. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T and Th-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra N. Gupta can be reached on 571-272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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